GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INJUDICIOUS PROCUREMENT IMPORT OF ITEMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various organs of Air Force like base repair depots have been importing/procuring defence items without correctly assessing the requirement resulting into blocking of funds and avoidable expenditure;

(b) if so, the number of such cases came to light during each of the last three years and the action taken on injudicious procurement/import of items; and

(c) the steps taken to check such procurement of items?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1614 25.7.2002

Base Repair Depots (BRDs) have no power to import defence items.However, they procure urgently required indigenous items for production through local purchase. BRDs project their requirements of spares and repairables annually through Provisioning Reviews and Special Reviews. The requirement is worked out based on clearly laid down norms for spares (Automatic Replenishment System Scales, Mandatory spares as per arisings and Repairable Floats as per Scales authorized).Sometimes due to minor aberrations in evaluation of part numbers, and tracking of `in lieu` items, some items get procured in excess, but over a period of successive reviews, these excesses are smoothened out.

2. The complete scheme of provisioning has now been streamlined and Head Quarters Maintenance Cell, which has complete inventory details, has been tasked to vet indents thoroughly so that injudicious procurement is avoided.